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## Briton Says Many More May Be Part of Spy Case

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Andrew Boyle, the British author whose book "The Fourth Man" caused Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to identify Anthony Blunt, former curator of the Queen's art collection, as a one-time Soviet spy, said in New York this week that there could be not just a fifth and sixth man in the United States, Canada and Britain but an "nth man" still to be exposed.

"It goes on and on," Mr. Boyle declared. "I know some of them but it's not my job to reveal their identities."

"My name's Boyle, not McCarthy," he said in a reference to the late Senator Joseph R. McCarthy of Wisconsin, who in the 1950's accused many Government officials of Communist sympathies and finally was censured. "I am not in favor of witch hunts."

He said that espionage agents for the Soviet Union fell into these categories: "full-blown Blunts, witting accomplices, unwitting accomplices and people somewhere in between." He added that it could take as long as 50 years for some of them to be exposed because of the difficulty of obtaining facts under the British

secrecy laws.

The former British Broadcasting Corporation official criticized Prime Minister Thatcher for saying no British lives had been jeopardized by Mr. Blunt's espionage. "What about Czech lives?" he said. "What about East German lives? What about the lives of those in the satellite states who tried to resist and were exposed? Aren't they human beings, too?"

### Attempts to Recruit Britons

He added that while Mrs. Thatcher had "let in a little bit of fresh air," it was up to news organizations to bring out more information about other one-time spies. He said that in the postwar period he knew of at least three attempts to recruit British officials by the Soviet Union.

Mr. Boyle made particular mention of the possibility that Canada still harbored people who once had Soviet connections. "The traces in Canada," he said, "go back a long way." He predicted that "someone big" might come to the surface in Canada because it has been a long time since a spy ring there was officially exposed. But he said the Canadians were "a bit like the British," unwilling to expose high-ranking officials in such cases.

Asked about Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, who were accused of delivering atomic secrets and were executed in the early 1950's, Mr. Boyle said any information they may have passed on was already known to the Russians. "I would be very surprised if Kim Philby, sitting in Washington with access to everything, had not passed on the atomic secrets beforehand."

Mr. Philby, the "third man" in the British espionage ring, fled to Moscow after his fellow spies, Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean, had done the same.

Mr. Boyle is in this country preparing an updated version of "The Fourth Man."